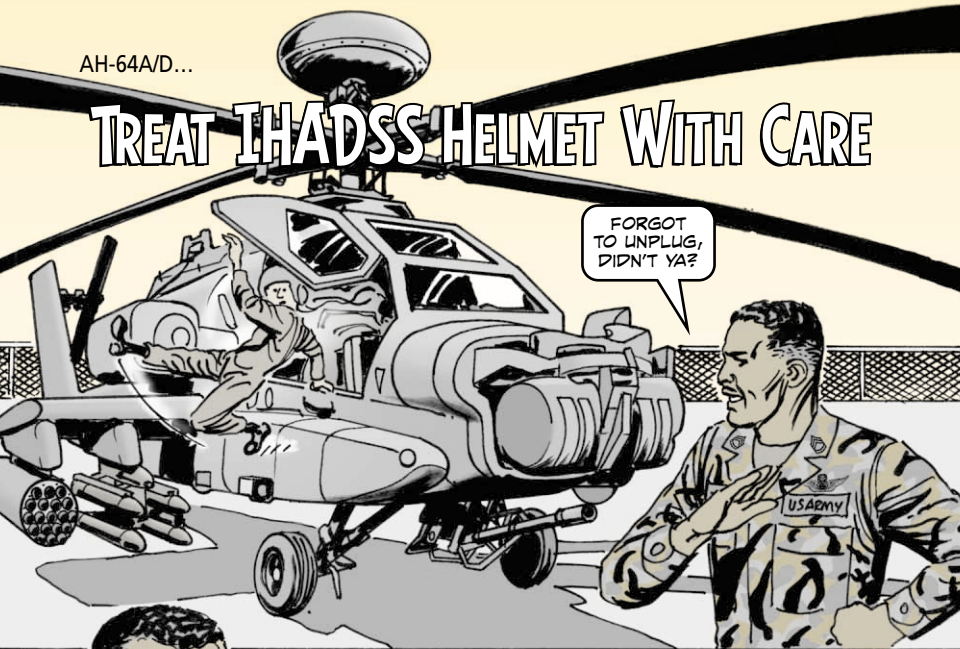
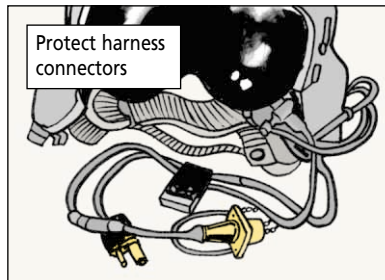
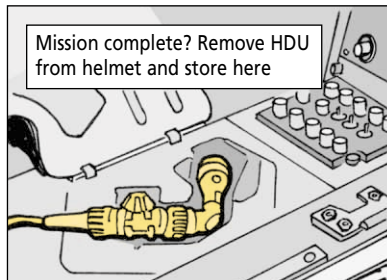


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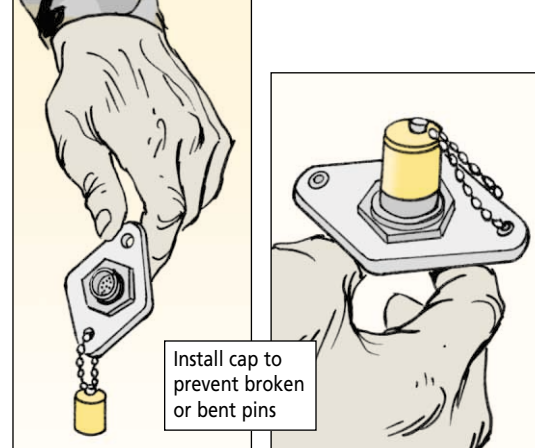


PILOTS AND GUNNERS, THE WIRING HARNESS ON YOUR APACHE'S INTEGRATED HELMET AND DISPLAY SIGHTING SYSTEM, CAN BE STRAINED IF YOU EXIT THE BIRD WITHOUT UNPLUGGING IT.

Don't get too hasty after a mission. Take your time, remove the helmet display unit (HDU) from the helmet and stow it, then unplug the wire harness before you exit. If you don't, you could break individual wires that are connected to sensors in the helmet. Then you won't be able to boresight the helmet to the aircraft and to the 30mm gun. You won't be communicating, either, with a damaged harness. A broken harness, NSN 5995-01-186-8601, costs about \$7,000.



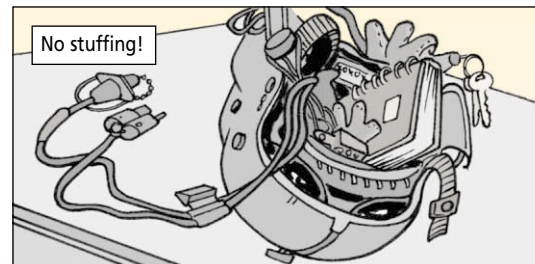
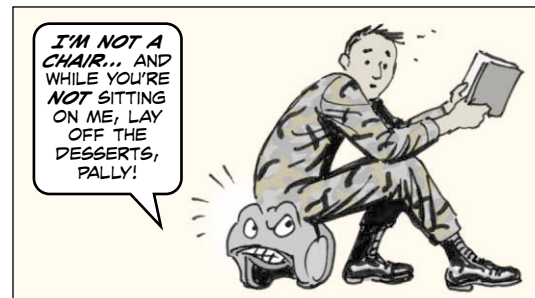
While you're winding down and turning in your helmet to the ALSE shop, don't let the yellow dust cap that hangs on the harness connector dangle there uselessly. After you've disconnected the harness, cover the connector with the dust cap, NSN 1270-00-550-7342, to prevent broken or bent pins.



Helmet Care

Don't leave the helmet in a hot car or toss it into the cockpit or use the helmet as a stool at the end of the day, either.

Avoid the convenient habit of stuffing the inside of your helmet like a holiday turkey with gloves, maps, checklists and knee boards. Helmets are fitted for head size. Using it as a carry-all stretches it out of shape. That puts your noggin in harm's way and affects the way the HDU sits over your eye.



TAKE CARE OF YOUR HELMET WITH THE GOOD WORDS IN TM 9-1270-223-23&P AND IT'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST.